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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the reference(s) listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of only those references not already of record in a parent application are enclosed. For the Examiner's benefit, the only references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 not cited in a parent application are the references designated EA, EB and FA.

This application is a divisional of pending United States patent application Serial No. 08/494,091 filed June 23, 1995 for a "Currency Discriminator and Authenticator." United States patent application Serial No. 08/494,091 is a continuation-in-part of United States patent applications Serial No. 07/795,492 filed November 21, 1991, for "Method and Apparatus for Counting Currency and Detecting Counterfeit Bills," now abandoned, Serial No. 08/317,349 filed October 4, 1994, for "Method and Apparatus for Authenticating Documents Including Currency," now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,640,463, and Serial No. 08/219,093 filed March 29, 1994, for a "Currency Discriminator and Authenticator," now abandoned. United States patent application Serial No. 08/219,093 is a continuation-in-part

of Serial No. 08/127,334 filed September 27, 1993, for a "Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting," now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,467,405, which is a continuation of United States patent application Serial No. 07/885,648, filed on May 19, 1992, and issued as United States Patent No. 5,295,196, for a "Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting," which is a continuation-in-part of abandoned United States patent application Serial No. 07/475,111, filed February 5, 1990, for a "Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting."

The applicants would like to make the Examiner aware of the following pending applications that are being pursued by the assignee of the present application:

| Application No. | Date Filed | Title |
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| 08/226,660 | 04/12/94 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination |
| 08/502,676 | 07/14/95 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination |
| 08/339,337 | 11/14/94 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting |
| 08/841,203 | 04/02/97 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting |
| 08/287,882 | 08/09/94 | Method and Apparatus for Document Identification |
| Unknown Atty Dkt No. CUMM:112--1 | 06/11/97 | Method and Apparatus for Document Identification |
| 08/394,752 | 02/27/95 | Method of Generating Modified Patterns and Method and Apparatus for Using the Same in a Currency Identification System |
| 08/573,392 | 12/15/95 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 08/362,848 | 12/22/94 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 08/340,031 | 11/14/94 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 08/450,505 | 05/26/95 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 08/452,402 | 05/26/95 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 08/824,073 | 03/24/97 | Automatic Currency Processing System |
| 08/399,854 | 03/07/95 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 08/494,091 | 06/23/95 | Currency Discriminator and Authenticator |
| 08/505,773 | 07/21/95 | Method and Apparatus For Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 08/522,173 | 08/31/95 | Currency Discriminator Having a Jam Detection and Clearing Mechanism |
| 08/664,262 | 05/13/96 | Automatic Funds Processing System |
| 08/800,053 | 02/14/97 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 08/815,319 | 03/10/97 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Off-Sorting Currency by Series |

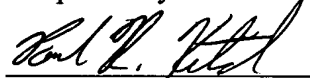
| Application No. | Date Filed | Title |
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| 08/755,541 | 11/21/96 | Currency Handling Apparatus Having a Touch Screen Display |
| 08/715,029 | 09/17/96 | Software Loading System for a Currency Scanner |
| 08/722,808 | 09/27/96 | Currency Handling Apparatus that Communicates with an External Device |
| Unknown Atty Dkt No. CUMM:170 | 06/24/97 | Software Loading Systems for a Jetsort Coin Sorter |
| Unknown Atty Dkt No. CUMM:174 | 05/28/97 | Method and Apparatus for Document Processing |
| 08/798,605 | 02/11/97 | Method and Apparatus for Authenticating Currency |
| 08/716,556 | 09/18/96 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination |
| 08/756,167 | 11/25/96 | Unattended Redemption Machine |
| 08/833,095 | 04/04/97 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination |
| 08/785,388 | 01/21/97 | Method and Apparatus for Document Identification |
| 08/664,262 | 03/11/97 | Document Discriminating System Using Full Image Scanning and Authentication |
| 08/852,400 | 05/07/97 | Intelligent Currency Handling System |
| 08/826,873 | 03/24/97 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discriminator and Authenticator |
| 08/834,746 | 04/04/97 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |

The present disclosure is not an admission that the above cited references are prior art with respect to the present application or of the materiality of such references.

It is respectfully requested that this information be considered by the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fee is required for the submission and consideration of this information at this time. If the fee of 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/CUMM:193.

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